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All,

A very busy week on many topics!!

- Staff is working with Recology regarding the closed landfill near the Auburn Airport. The issue revolves around State regulatory requirements and new requirements regarding the closed landfill, groundwater, mitigation of issues and other items,
- On March 22, the City Council will be asked to approve a resolution guaranteeing revenues in the form of "financial assurances" to the continued monitoring and maintenance of current procedures, testing and reporting. This was originally due in June, 2020 and is now a key demand from the Regional Water Quality Board. The current annual amount spent is close to \$400k so we will outline the costs and provide assurances for the continued monitoring of the site.
- Staff and Recology are also looking into new mitigation measures for the site which includes putting a new dirt layer/cap over the existing mound, to a concept known as "clean closure" which amounts to excavating all the trash in the landfill and moving it to another location. Stay tuned as they are both extremely expensive.
- Since we are "talking trash", look for some upcoming modifications to the City's green waste and organics programs. The City will be adopting an ordinance to come into compliance with SB 1383 which requires diversion of food wastes from both commercial and residential waste streams. Most restaurants and commercial establishments have already complied and we will be developing programs for the residential stream. The deadline for implementation is May, 2022.
- A very productive meeting with the Chamber and Old Town and Downtown business associations regarding the grant funding for Covid 19 relief from Placer County. It looks like solid plans for outdoor dining, promotion, technical assistance and direct business assistance are in place and we can look to see many facets in implementation in the coming weeks. Well done by all!
- The recruitment for the Administrative Services Director is under way. To see the profile and share with qualified applicants, go here <https://www.peckhamandmckenney.com/administrative-services-director-city-of-auburn-ca>

Finally, this week is the one year anniversary for most of us of the start of the nightmare which has been Covid 19. A year which personally and professionally will be something few will forget and most will not want to remember! A year of unheard of government mandate, business interruption, the closing of schools and the decimation of small businesses. A



time where some were deemed “essential” and “non-essential”. The evolution of “zoom” and the end of healthy activities like youth sports, group training and fitness. I think my favorite has been the commercials where an elderly woman wears a mask which says “don’t visit Grandma.” In total, the toll is over 500,000 people in our country have passed from complications of the pandemic. Horrible, horrible and more horrible.

As of today, 136,000 residents of Placer County have received a vaccination which was researched and delivered in record time. In California, over 2 million have been vaccinated and the expectation is that a total of 4 million will be done within the next 45 days.

It looks like being vaccinated will be a requirement for many activities moving forward. Travel, attendance at events and possibly being admitted to hospitals. If you can get the vaccine, it is probably wise to step up and get the shot. In the mean time, wash your hands, stay home if you are sick and keep yourself healthy and fit!

It's going to be a beautiful weekend, do something fun.

John